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नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय/ Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Approved List of Models and Manufacturers (ALMM): Clarification - reg.

With respect to MNRE's O.M.s regarding Approved List of Models and Manufacturers (ALMM), following two queries have been posed to MNRE:

- i. Whether the exemption from using Solar Cells in ALMM List-II, provided to Net-Metering and Open Access RE Power Projects which get commissioned prior to 1st June 2026, is also applicable to Net-Billing, Virtual Net Metering and Group Net Metering schemes?
- ii. Whether the exemption from ALMM (both for solar PV modules and solar PV cells) granted to behind-the-meter solar power plants solely used for captive consumption by a consumer or group of consumers, is applicable to behind-the-meter connections for captive consumption of government entities or public sector enterprises?

2. The aforesaid queries have been examined in MNRE, and following is hereby clarified:

- a) **Net-Billing, Virtual Net Metering and Group Net Metering are to be treated at par with provisions of Net-Metering for the purpose of applicability of ALMM,** as the Virtual Net Metering and Group Net Metering are models of Net-Metering covering a group of different consumers of same category or same consumer with more than one service connections respectively and Net-Billing is hybrid of Net-Metering and Gross Metering.
- b) Since Government projects were covered under ALMM right from the beginning (through O.M. dated 02.01.2019) and subsequently Open Access and Net-Metering Projects were brought under the ambit of ALMM vide amendments dated 13.01.2022 and 28.03.2022, ***the clarification issued on 07.10.2022 (stating that the amendment issued vide O.M. dated 13.01.2022 read with O.M. dated 28.03.2022, shall not be applicable to behind-the-meter solar power plants solely used for captive consumption by a consumer or group of consumers)*** does not provide any exemption from ALMM to behind-the-meter connections for captive consumption of government entities or public sector enterprises.

3. This issues with the approval of Secretary, MNRE.



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